

The Money Raised for its Construction

The officers of the company have lately been making estimates of the comparative cost of building the enormous piers of iron or masonry, and are of the opinion that iron will be much cheaper, as the piers of this material can be much more quickly constructed, and can be worked upon at all times of the year. The estimated cost of the bridge is over \$9,000,000. The design of the bridge is of the combination truss and catenary single span type. The main cables will consist of two sets, the upper and the lower, the former being hung from the towers on each side, and the latter being anchored in the rocks near the base of the towers. There are to be twenty-four cables fourteen inches in diameter each, and divided into four systems. The body of the bridge will be constructed of a combination of steel and iron wire-work. There will be two decks—one for the accommodation of foot passengers, and the other for railroad trains. The length of clear span of the bridge is to be 1,660 feet, which will give a length of the approaches, will have a total length of 2,450 feet. It will be elevated above high water level at least 150 feet. It is estimated that there will be required to construct this bridge 70,000 miles of wire, 17,000 tons of iron and steel, and 60,000 yards of masonry.

The authorities at West Point have entered an interdict against the cadets loaning their sashes and other military adornments to young ladies, and great is the force of feminine indignation.

Calvin Bigelow tells the Lyndon, Vt., *Union* a sheep story. He has a ewe, which a few weeks since produced a lamb, and two weeks afterwards brought forth twins.

Ida Lewis, the heroine of Lim Rock, Newport, has separated from her husband. No one could ever tell who she married him. Certainly not for want of somebody to talk to. A "heroine" in a light-house isn't the solitary being that most people imagine.

Operations of a Swindler.

Some recent successful operations by a swindler in Quincy, Ill., are thus described by the *Herald* of that city:

"About ten days ago a business-like appearing man arrived in the city and immediately began making preparations for commencing business in grain buying, under the firm name of T. S. Hundack & Co., representing himself as being connected with a prominent Eastern concern. He rented a storehouse of Nathan Pinkham, Esq., and purchased a few lots of wheat, which he subsequently sold to firms here in small lots, taking checks for the amount. One lot to Allen & Whyer's amounted to \$129, for which they received their check for the amount. Meanwhile he had contrived to get introduced to several of our banking houses, and deposited, we believe about \$490 in currency in the First National. The check of Allen & Whyers he also deposited there, after raising it to \$929. Another check, drawn by Bagby & Wood, raised to \$2,800, he deposited with the Union Bank. We didn't learn the original amount of this check. Two checks of Monning Brothers, aggregating about \$5,000, were also deposited with these banks, and sent by them to Richer's Bank, where they were cashed. A few days later Hundack drew from each of the banks all that had been placed to his credit on these checks, except a very small balance, and that was the last seen of him in these parts."

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